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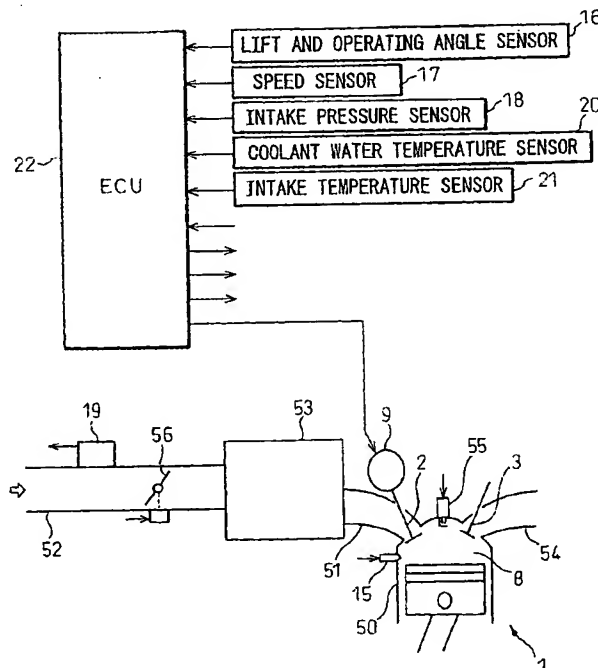
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(57) Abstract: A control device of a multicylinder internal combustion engine (1) provided with a valve operating characteristic control means (9) for controlling a valve operating characteristic of at least one of an intake valve (2) and exhaust valve (3), which estimates an intake difference of cylinders and limits a control range of said valve operating characteristic in accordance with said estimated intake difference.

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